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North Texas Chapter

Letter From The President

Dear Members:

Our October 9, 2008 meeting will be held at the **Radisson Hotel Dallas North – Richardson** on Central Expressway at Campbell Road in Richardson, TX and will feature **William Powers**, National Associate Director – IS Audit Inspections for the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB).

Our pre-luncheon discussion will be led by **Carolyn Gibson**, Managing Director of Technology Audit for American Airlines and she will share her SOX Auditing experiences. The post-luncheon will be a Big 4 Partner's Panel discussion on Sarbanes-Oxley IT Controls, Auditing Standard No. 5 and other related topics.

Please mark your calendars for this event. We are anticipating a huge turnout, so the Board moved the venue to the Radisson to accommodate the increased attendance.

Pre Luncheon Session - 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM
SOX Experiences
Carolyn S. Gibson, CPA, CISA, Managing Director of Technology Audit for American Airlines

Luncheon Session - **12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**
Computer Controls - An Integral Part of Internal Control over Financial Reporting
William Powers, National Associate Director – IS Audit Inspections, PCAOB

Rick Link

Post Luncheon Session - **1:40 PM - 2:30 PM**
Sarbanes Oxley Panel Discussion
Moderator: Gary Geddes
Panelists: Paul Parette, Partner, Deloitte & Touche LLP; Eddie E. Holt, Partner, KPMG LLP; Kris Lonborg, Principal, Ernst & Young International; Phil Samson, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers

For details and to register, go to **ISACA October 9th 2008 - Registration**.

Please be sure to watch our website for future announcements at www.isacantx.org. As your Board finalizes each event, more information will be provided there.

Speaking of our website, I wanted to make you aware that our chapter was again recognized in 2007 with the *Gold Level* award for website excellence - the fourth year in a row. Special recognition goes to **Jeff Kromer** of Guaranty Bank and **Joe Turner** of Southwest Airlines for their individual contributions, and also to the many other Board members that provided their assistance throughout the year.

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As we move forward into another successful year, I would like extend my gratitude to all the volunteers who made the 2007-2008 chapter year such a great success. Without all of the efforts of our Chapter Board and membership volunteers, we would not have accomplished our goals.

As your President, I plan and strive for continued excellence in service to you, the members. As the new Board and member volunteers start this journey, we are all committed to excellence, and so I solicit comments and feedback from all of the chapter members. This is a team effort from a group of volunteers, and I encourage you to contact me or any other board member when the need arises. I look forward to seeing you at the North Texas Chapter's planned events for the upcoming 2008-2009 year.

Best regards,

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ISACA 2008 Global Leadership Conference in Toronto

The ISACA 2008 Global Leadership Conference (GLC) was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto on July 25-26, 2008. Approximately 250 representatives from different parts of the world ranging from India to Australia, African Nations, Europe and the Americas (North and South) were represented at the conference.

The GLC conference was organized by the ISACA/ITGI® International in Rolling Meadows, IL. The conference had several sessions designed for participation by small to medium, large and very large chapters representing their local ISACA chapters. ISACA has the North Texas (NTx) Chapter categorized as a very large chapter.

Representing the North Texas Chapter as delegates at this important event were **Rick Link**, President, **Clifford Gomes**, VP Education and **Letty Gambrell**, VP Communications. Also, Rick provided a presentation entitled "Award-Winning Communication of How the North Texas Chapter Built Its Website".

The Los Angeles Chapter led a presentation on "Running a Successful Annual General Meeting" and why you need such a meeting. The Minnesota Chapter presented a discussion on "Chapter Succession Planning and Strategy". The efforts of these individuals and chapter members were applauded by all attendees.

A general welcome was provided by **Lynn Lawson**, ISACA International President. There were numerous discussions designed to assist the local chapters in developing chapter presentations, local chapter programs, governing the chapters, finding speakers and venues, etc. Other topics addressed during the GLC meeting included the following:

- Balanced Scorecard (BSC) and how the rating processes may help your chapter be more successful.
- International Standardization Organization (ISO) task force was formed to help with standardization, such as 27000 – Standards of Security.
- Recent COBIT® survey was conducted with approximately 1,500 CIO's to understand how COBIT was being used.
- Val IT and COBIT value propositions and communication.
- CISA® and CISM® certifications and programs used by ISACA local chapters and the newly implemented Online Review Course were discussed.
- Discussions on how to find great speakers, interesting topics, and the dos and don'ts of social engineering.

It was great to meet with the ISACA members and directly discuss the local issues and concerns in group sessions. All conference attendees were entertained on evening, Friday July 25, 2008 at the Ice Hockey Hall of Fame, with games and assortments of food items and refreshments.

Attending the conference was beneficial to our delegates. We noticed that all the chapters around the world seemed to do things similar to what we do in North Texas. We noticed, with the cultural differences, many international chapters conduct their meetings differently. Several international chapters meet twice a month. One meeting may be in the evenings for refreshments to exchange ideas with their members (work related issues, resolutions, audit projects, exchange programs, etc.) and more formal meetings with guest speakers over lunch. Certain chapters meet after work for longer sessions.

The North Texas Chapter was praised by several ISACA members for the cooperation and assistance provided to International and also other chapters in our region. In return, ISACA is committed to help us with our current and future needs.

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A New Year -- A New Budget for 2008 - 2009

Your ISACA North Texas Board of Directors completed a proposed budget for the upcoming 2008-2009 year, with a one-page summary provided at the September 11th meeting. Chapter members had an opportunity to review and ask questions, then it was subsequently approved by voice vote.

If you have questions about the budget, we wholeheartedly encourage you to contact a Board member to discuss it. We want you to be comfortable with the budget as we move forward with our chapter's business for the coming year!

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From *ExpressLine*, ISACA's monthly newsletter

ISACA e-mails their *ExpressLine* newsletter each month to chapter presidents, and makes it available for access by all chapter officers and Board members. ISACA also encourages relevant portions of *ExpressLine* to be included in local chapter newsletters.

So it seems appropriate to reproduce an article here concerning our own Letty Gambrell, as she was interviewed during the Global Leadership Conference at Toronto.

Chapter Leader Q&A

Carlette "Letty" Gambrell
North Texas (Dallas) Chapter, VP of Communications
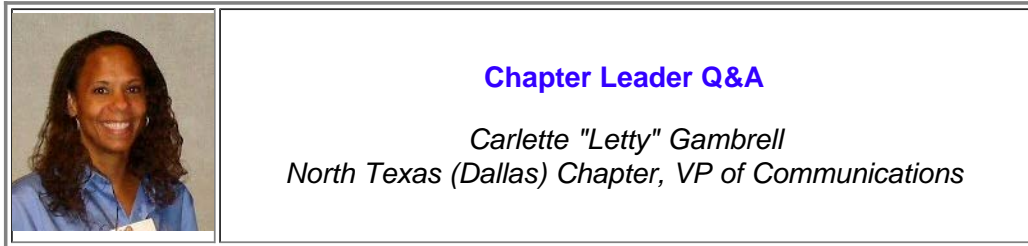
Q: How did you get involved with your chapter board?
A: The topic for one of the monthly luncheon meetings I attended was about getting involved with your local ISACA chapter. The speaker was so dynamic that when the call for a volunteer was made immediately following the meeting, I volunteered for the secretary position.

Q: What is one thing your friends know about you that your ISACA colleagues may not?
A: That I enjoy relaxing at a park while flying kites.

Q: What is one of your chapter's greatest achievements to date? Tell us about how the chapter reached this goal/achievement.
A: In my opinion, I think one of my chapter's greatest achievements is the increase in the number of persons attending our monthly meetings. I attribute the increase to a couple of key activities: listening to our members and directly addressing their responses to our annual survey, and providing interesting, current and informative topics, presented by quality speakers, at our chapter meetings.

Q: What is the most important benefit you get from volunteering with your chapter?
A: The friendships, knowledge and skills I have gained are invaluable.

Q: What is your best piece of advice for other chapter secretaries?
A: Work together with your chapter president. Develop a methodology to help ease the minute-taking process, and keep electronic copies of all documentation.

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Corporate Education Partners Wanted for Low Cost Seminars

Our local North Texas Chapter of ISACA is looking for area organizations willing to partner with us on educational seminars during the coming 2008-2009 year that begins this fall. We are borrowing an idea from the NYC chapter, forwarded to us by one of our own members!

Essentially, if the Corporate Partner can provide a location, parking and logistics, we can provide instructors, course materials, and registration services. This allows ISACA to provide additional educational opportunities to our members while the volunteer corporation is able to register a quantity of their own employees at little to no cost (pending course specifics).

Topics and duration (half day to multiple day) will be determined based on areas of interest. Suggested topics include courses such as: IT Audit Basics, Enterprise Risk Management, Auditing SAP, IT Project Management Essentials, IT Governance, and other topics ranked favorably on our member survey.

For further information, please contact **Clifford Gomes**, our incoming VP Education at education@isacantx.org.

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CPE and Education Sources for Everyone

The North Texas Chapter of ISACA is building a library of links for continuing education and other useful information surrounding information system auditing, security, and privacy. In the inaugural issue of the North Texas Chapter Newsletter "The Password", we offered three links. We invite our members to send links that are useful for continuing education, or related to job functions such as information system auditing, security, or privacy.

CPE Training from ISACA

These are webcasts presented by the international chapter that will provide CPE's. Please note you will need to login to watch the presentation.
http://www.isaca.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Members_and_Leaders1/Events3/Webcasts/ISACA_e-symposia_and_Webcasts.htm

The National Institute of Standards and Technology Computer Security Resource Center

This site gives information on security and links to government publications.
http://csrc.nist.gov/

Security Technical Implementation Guides (STIGS) and Supporting Documentation

This is a website created and maintained by the Defense Information System Agency (DISA). The site has useful baseline check lists for configuring systems. Additionally, it is a fun site to look around.
http://iase.disa.mil/stigs/

With your help, we can add to this initial list. Please e-mail your suggestions to us at communications@isacantx.org

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Required ID at Exam Sites - Important News ...

This message has been sent to chapter presidents and CISA/CISM coordinators.

Occasionally, ISACA provides information about CISA/CISM/CGEIT® exams to provide clarity and consistency regarding the exam administration process.

As mentioned in the exam **Bulletin of Information and Candidate's Guide**, only current and original government issued photo IDs will be accepted at exam sites. If a government ID is handwritten, it will not be accepted. In all cases, we also encourage passports. Please communicate this requirement to exam candidates in your chapter area as needed.

If you have any questions about exam IDs or administration, please do not hesitate to contact the ISACA Certification Department at exam@isaca.org.

Kind Regards,

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And What About Job Sources ...

Yes - ISACA has those as well. Check out these links**:**

* ISACA Career Centre
* ISACA - North Texas Chapter

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